

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 6 and amend claims 1-5 in the manner set forth below. A clean copy of the claims is attached.

1. (Amended) An orthopedic splint for maintaining the knee in a rest position, especially after surgery on the posterior cruciate ligament, said splint comprising a covering section with stabilizing sticks as well as tie strips which are constructed and arranged [to] for fastening the covering section [which is wrapped] around the leg above and below the knee with the covering section positioned behind the leg and knee,

[characterized in that] wherein the covering section [has] includes a padding for the calf (9) [in the corresponding direction] only with the covering section urging the padding toward the calf only and not toward the knee.

2. (Amended) Orthopedic splint [according to claim 1] for maintaining the knee in a rest position, especially after surgery on the posterior cruciate ligament, said splint comprising a covering section with stabilizing sticks as well as tie strips which are constructed and arranged for fastening the covering section around the leg above and below the knee with the covering section positioned behind the leg and knee, [characterized in that] wherein the covering section includes a padding for the calf (9) and the padding for the calf (9) [is sticking] protrudes out of the splint (1) [in direction of] toward the Achilles tendon.

3. (Amended) Orthopedic splint according to claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the padding for the calf (9) only [is provided on its lower part with an incision where it encompasses] has a bifurcated lower end for encompassing the Achilles tendon on both sides.

4. (Amended) Orthopedic splint [according to claim 1 characterized in that] for maintaining the knee in a rest position, especially after surgery on the posterior cruciate ligament, said splint comprising a covering section with stabilizing sticks as well as tie strips which are constructed and arranged for fastening the covering section around the leg above and below the knee with the covering section positioned behind the leg and knee, the covering section including a padding for the calf (9) and the padding for the calf [is consisting of] comprises a foamed body [and] which is reinforced, on the side [turned] of the padding away from the leg, with a plastic brace (18), [whereas] and the foamed body has a radius enabling it to [snug] fit snugly